UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

	in Bankruptcy
	Case No. 11-57443 tjt Chapter 7
1	Hon. Thomas J. Tucker
	Adv. Pro. No.
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COMPLAINT FOR DENIAL OF DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 727

K. Jin Lim, Trustee by her attorneys Schneider Miller, P.C., says for her complaint:

- 1. Liudmila A. Storozhenko ("Debtor") is a Chapter 7 bankruptcy debtor.
- 2. K. Jin Lim is the duly qualified and acting trustee in this case.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction in this adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157 and 1334 because this proceeding arises in the above captioned matter Chapter 7 proceedings currently pending in the Easter District of Michigan, Southern Division.
- 4. This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(J).
- 5. Debtor married Vladimir Nozhnik ("Vladimir") in July 2008; Vladimir had recently divorced Esfir Nozhnik ("Esfir") in April 2008.
- 6. David Findling ("Receiver") was appointed receiver by the Oakland County Circuit

 Court in September 2008 to enforce a debt of approximately \$120,000 owed by

 Vladimir to Esfir.

- 7. Debtor filed a verified Complaint for Divorce on August 18, 2009 in the case known as <u>Liudmila Storozhenko vs. Vladimir Nozhnik</u>, Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2009-762704-DO.
- 8. At the request of Debtor, the state court entered a mutual preliminary injunction on August 18, 2009 covering all property in Debtor's divorce.
- During the divorce proceedings, it became apparent that Vladimir had transferred funds to Debtor to hide them from Esfir and Receiver; Debtor knowingly accepted said funds.
- 10. On June 22, 2011, the state court determined that Debtor had violated the injunction by spending some of the transferred funds, leading the court to hold debtor in civil contempt; Debtor was ordered to pay to Receiver \$106,144.73 for the benefit of Esfir and Vladimir's divorce estate.
- 11. Debtor filed bankruptcy on June 23, 2011.
- 12. Receiver became aware that Debtor had recently negotiated a settlement in a 2009 personal injury case; Receiver provided notice of the receivership and injunction upon Debtor's personal injury lawyers.
- 13. On March 2, 2011, the Oakland County Circuit Court entered a preliminary injunction prohibiting Debtor from engaging in any transfer in excess of \$3,000.
- 14. Despite the notice and injunction, Debtor's law firm remitted the settlement payment for the personal injury action to the Debtor in the amount of \$46,862.08.
- 15. On August 30, 2011, a B.R. 2004 examination of Debtor was conducted.
- 16. At the 2004 examination, Debtor stated that she had taken the money to Russia to care for her ill mother; Debtor has stated that she cannot produce receipts because her Mother was not admitted to a hospital.

17. Within the 90 days prior to filing bankruptcy, Debtor disposed of all of the personal injury proceeds except some \$3,159.

COUNT I - DENIAL OF DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(2).

Trustee repeats and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set out herein:

- 18. Debtor has transferred or concealed property with the aim of putting it beyond the reach of her creditors.
- 19. Debtor's discharge should be denied pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(c).

WHEREFORE, Trustee prays for denial of discharge.

COUNT II-DENIAL OF DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(3)

Trustee repeats and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set out herein:

- 20. Debtor has not produced any record of expenses associated with the removal of a large amount of estate property.
- 21. Debtor's discharge should be denied pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §727(a)(3).

WHEREFORE, Trustee prays for denial of discharge.

COUNT III DENIAL OF DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(4).

Trustee repeats and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set out herein:

- 22. Debtor has withheld from Trustee documents relating to the removal of a large amount of estate property.
- 23. Debtor's discharge should be denied pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(4).

WHEREFORE, Trustee prays for denial of discharge.

COUNT IV <u>DENIAL OF DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(5).</u>

Trustee repeats and incorporates all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set out herein:

- 24. Debtor has not satisfactorily explained the loss of assets.
- 25. Debtor's discharge should be denied pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(5).

WHEREFORE, Trustee prays for denial of discharge.

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Dated: September 26 2011 /s/ Kenneth M. Schneider

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